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**Pray  
to God for  
Our Nation!**

"LET US THEN APPROACH GOD'S THRONE OF GRACE WITH CONFIDENCE, SO THAT WE MAY RECEIVE MERCY AND FIND GRACE TO HELP US IN OUR TIME OF NEED." - HEBREWS 4:16

## Nassau County School District Approves Return-to-School Plan

In a School Board meeting held last Thursday, July 23, the Nassau County School Board finalized plans for faculty and students to safely Return-to-School. On Monday, July 27, the board voted unanimously to approve the plan. Students will return to school Monday, August 24, 2020, either in person or through distance learning. It is in the best interest of the district to reopen with healthy learning environments. Schools will employ a combination of self-screening and observational screening protocols for universal screening of illness of staff and students. The district and schools will communicate information to parents and staff about the symptoms of COVID-19 and require them to self-screen before coming to school. Students and staff exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 without being otherwise explained are prohibited from coming to school, and if they do come to school, they should be sent home immediately. In addition, the district/school may take the temperature of students and staff on a random basis or in situations where there is reason to believe that the person may be ill. Touch-free thermometers will be utilized and will be provided for use in clinics, at front desks, to food service staff, and any other school/district area where a team has determined a specific need.

**FACE COVERINGS:** The importance of wearing face coverings has been well documented and is being recommended by public health officials at all levels. Face coverings may slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Face coverings, as used in this plan, mean a uniform piece of material that covers a person's nose and mouth and remains affixed in place without the use of one's hands, whether store-bought or homemade, concurrent with Nassau County Health Department guidelines. Parents are encouraged to provide their



Nassau County School Board (l to r) Members Russell Johnson, Lissa Braddock, Donna Martin, School Superintendent Dr. Kathy Burns, School Board Members Gail Cook, Jamie Deonas and Attorney Brett Steger.

students with their own face coverings. However, the district will provide face coverings for students who do not have them.

Elementary students (grades K-5) are required to wear a face-covering while walking in hallways, riding the bus, waiting in line in the cafeteria and when working in small groups or individually with a teacher or peers whenever a divider is unavailable. Students may remove face coverings during high-intensity outdoor activities, while in their classroom working at their desk and while seated for dining within their class group.

Secondary students (grades 6-12) are required to wear face coverings when they are not able to be 6 feet from others, are in hallway transitions/class changes, in large common areas, are riding the bus, and are in line in the cafeteria area. Face coverings may be removed for high-intensity outdoor activities, when seated at the dining tables for eating, and during mask breaks in the classroom as determined by the school or teacher.

Accommodations for face-covering

protocols can be made for students/staff based on their individual health needs. The need for face coverings will continue to be evaluated.

**LEARNING OPTIONS:**

**ELEMENTARY** (Grades PreK-5): Elementary Option 1— Traditional School (Brick and Mortar) K-5 students will go to school as normal, five days a week. PreK students will go to school as normal, four days a week. Early release days will continue to occur every Wednesday.

\*If your child is a student with disability being served through our pre-kindergarten, Access Points, STARRS, or our medically fragile program, it is the recommendation of the Nassau County School District that you continue to send your student to their zoned/assigned school and to select Option 1 for your student.

Elementary Option 2— School-Based Distance Learning Students will remain attached to the current school while receiving instruction online. Teaching will mirror the pace and rigor of the traditional brick and mortar school. Students choosing this option should

make a semester commitment.

Elementary Option 3— Nassau Virtual Students who choose Nassau Virtual will withdraw from their traditional school and switch their enrollment to Nassau Virtual. Students choosing this option should make a semester commitment.

**SECONDARY** (Grades 6-12): Secondary Option 1 – Traditional School (Brick and Mortar) Students will go to school as normal, five days a week. Early release days will continue to occur every Wednesday.

\*If your child is a student with disability being served through our Access Points, STARRS, Transition Adult Program (TAP)/Project Search, or our medically fragile program, it is the recommendation of the Nassau County School District that you continue to send your student to their zoned/assigned school and to select Option 1 for your student.

Secondary Option 2 – School-Based Distance Learning Students have the choice of remaining attached to the current school while receiving instruction online. Teaching will mirror the pace and rigor of the traditional brick and mortar school. Students choosing this option should make a semester commitment. All courses will not be available through school-based distance learning. For courses not available through school-based distance learning, students may take the course through Nassau Virtual or FLVS.

Secondary Option 3 – Nassau Virtual Students who choose Nassau Virtual will withdraw from their traditional school and switch their enrollment to Nassau Virtual. Students choosing this option should make a semester commitment.

This is the current update from July 28, 2020. As you well know, things can change. The entire 16-page plan can be viewed at the NCSD website at: [www.nassau.k12.fl.us](http://www.nassau.k12.fl.us).

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I was so pleased with our Nassau County Superintendent and School Board in unanimously approving the back-to-school plan for our faculty and students. I'm also happy that, at this point, the board approved school for 5 days a week. Will it all be 'normal'? No, however, the students, whose parents have chosen for them to return, are resilient and can handle it. It's up to the parents to be encouraging and supportive of helping our children thrive. They long to be with their friends and I think they long to start learning and be in a disciplined environment. Believe it or not, children like discipline. I count this school decision as yet another small victory!

In today's world, small victories are a definite plus! We, as adults, must remember that. I had a conversation with my daughter concerning the future. I told her, right now plan one day at a time because each day things change. I found it much more calming to look at things that way. Our televisions have become stressful because all you see are the numbers today, how many tests were done, where we can get tested. Even the commercials are full of it. It is very stressful. Once again, I'm reminded that our God is in complete control and that thought brings my shoulders back down to where they should be.

It's easy to get overwhelmed by all of the information being thrown at us. But, I have a remote and can turn it to the DIY channel or Hallmark or better yet, turn it off. I know you must be tired of me talking about my

devotionals each morning however, I don't really know what I would do without them. Talk about encouraging! These were written probably a year ago and my other one at least two years ago however, many of the daily scriptures sure coincide with what I'm dealing with today in my world. Isn't God amazing! Today's referred to dot and donut holes. A group was shown a piece of paper with a black dot on it. What do you see? Several responded, a dot. You're missing the biggest part...the piece of paper. So many times we are so focused on the dot (small part) that we miss the blessing. The same goes with the donut. We wish the donut didn't have a hole so we could have



## A Word From the Publisher

the beach. The beach has always been my sanctuary to completely unwind and just enjoy God's beauty and majesty. How He created that beautiful ocean with waves that just stop at the shore. It's just amazing to

me. My sweet Roger has also learned to enjoy the peace it brings. We had a great time. It was so nice to see people just enjoying swimming, walking and children (and adults) playing in the water. The pool was full of laughter and friends and families were enjoying each other. Yes...it was normal! Loved it! I'm



thankful that we have the opportunity, and take it, to get away and breathe. Sometimes it's just good to get in the truck and just ride somewhere different for a little while. Not only is it refreshing but again you can take advantage of the beauty that God has created for us to enjoy!

Monday, while on my way home from work, I saw a beautiful rainbow. The colors were so bright. I don't think I've ever seen one quite like that. Of course, I was amazed by its beauty and had to take a picture. Once again, God continues to show his majesty. So quickly, all my negative thoughts were gone and filled with God's creation. "It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness," Lamentations 3:22-23. Never forget...our God is always faithful.

This past weekend, Roger and I were able to slip away for some relaxation to

Let's not get so wrapped up in the bad parts of life but take time to enjoy the numerous blessings we have been given. Our God is faithful and continues to provide for our every need. He will see us through! I pray that you find enjoyment and blessings in each day!

Have a blessed week!

Dawn S. West

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Cut steak into 1/2 inch strips. Place in crockpot. Add mushroom soup, onion soup mix, salt, pepper and garlic powder. Stir. Cook on medium for 4 hours or until tender. Serve over mashed potatoes, noodles or rice.

### Tender Round Steak

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**BRENT LEMOND**  
For County Commission District 3

Dear Nassau County Neighbors,

Are you sick of political slogans and politicians pretending to be someone they're not? Campaign season is when everyone claims to be a conservative Republican out to diversify our tax base. We've heard it before, but all we get is more sprawl, residential rooftops, and increased demand for government services. Taxpayers are stuck with the bill along with huge capital deficits to fund needed parks and pave roads.

I have served Nassau as our Career Ed Director and stand on my track record. I entered this race to fight the cronyism and corruption in our local government that has stood in the way of REAL efforts to positively impact our economy. My opponent, Jeff Gray, has been Pat Edwards's appointee to the Planning and Zoning board for the past 8 years. He voted in favor of every residential development approved during this time, including allowing Edward's "friend", Greg Matovina, to build townhomes along railroad tracks. Gray's campaign is funded by Edwards, Matovina, the builders' association, and their ilk. Which candidate do you believe is truly committed to more balanced growth and a diversified tax-base?

We have a great opportunity to move our county in a NEW direction. If elected, I will give you everything I have. I trust you to see past the propaganda and encourage you to "Think Nassau!" I do hope that you will vote for me, Brent Lemond, as your next county commissioner for district 3.

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# Aguilar Runs for Congress!

Dr. Erick Aguilar, a retired U.S. Navy Chief, Veteran and a college professor qualified to be on the ballot for Florida's 4th District Congressional seat for the upcoming primary election on August 18. Aguilar is a devoted family man with a wife and five children who resides in District Four. After returning home after serving in the Navy for over 20 years, Erick was surprised about how many threats to liberty and freedom existed here back home in the USA. Erick is a candidate who wants to work for the future of our families and for the soul of American Republic. If you want to learn about Dr. Aguilar and how he wants to be about bringing the voice back to the people and protecting their Constitutional rights while moving forward to more independence and less government manipulation, then check out his Facebook pages, his website (erickforcongress.com), his podcasts and interviews. He is stepping up to the front lines to work together with you! Make sure you are registered to vote and that you study all the candidates before you Cast your vote by August 18! Elections matter and Who represents us in Congress counts! Safeguarding our Constitution matters more than ever!



If you care about protecting freedom, liberty and the United States Constitution, due process, and equal protection under the law, the future of the American dream, and the economy, listen and share Dr. Erick Aguilar's podcast on more information on Opening America Now! Due process matters! No American should be coerced, and when it happens, we all should speak

up for our rights. Happens to one, can happen to all! Government is to protect rights, not remove them. Unfortunately, countless bad players continue to abuse their power, with no consequences! Opening America's Economy matters! Collateral damage on different fronts occurred from COVID-19, where do we go from here? Rights? Economy? Independence? Think for ourselves? Education? Graduations? Communities? America? Listen and share Erick's podcast on more information to Keep Opening America! We will ensure our own safety, protecting the American Dream for our children. Encourage your friends and family to study and learn about the candidates, vote and to participate in the election process. Those who serve us in Congress, in the county, on the city and town councils, as well as, the local school boards impact our lives more than many people realize. So, take time to study the candidates. Citizens need to know as much about the candidates campaigning for public office as they do about the coaches and players being drafted by sports teams and franchises. You have a choice because Republican, Dr. Erick Aguilar, is challenging, incumbent Republican John Rutherford who is seeking a third term in a GOP primary in August. It is time for action and no excuses. Freedom and the soul of America are at risk. The Republican August Primary winner on August 18 will face Democrat Donna Deegan and write-in candidate Gary Koniz in November.

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# JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

As I have stated before, I normally write my column on Mondays. As I read and listened to different accounts of the world we now live in I became very discouraged, almost depressed to the point I didn't want to write anything. I almost felt like throwing my hands up and sticking my head in a hole like so many are doing.

However, that is not who I am, I still love my country and will fight till the end for justice and liberty for all who believe in the foundation our forefathers fought and died for. I still stand on the fact that our nation was founded upon God and Biblical standards. I still believe that wrong is wrong and right is right. That there are consequences for every action we take. I believe we must all protect our freedom that is being taken from us on a daily basis. We must wake up those around us and make everyone aware at how close we are to losing our Republic.

An article in Zion's Fire Magazine, David Rosenthal stated, "...progressive politicians, leftist media outlets secular universities, multinational corporations, and the entertainment industries aren't interested in "Making America Great Again," nor are they concerned about preserving the Judeo-Christian ethic upon which this country was founded. On the contrary, they actively seek to advance their socialistic agenda for

greater control. Theirs is an agenda rooted in the ideas advocated by Karl Marx. Marx believed science determines societal progression. As an avowed atheist, he famously stated, "It [religion] is the opiate of the masses."

Rosenthal states that scientific socialism is rising in America. It is a humanistic philosophy in which he calls "unelected technocrats" or the so-called experts that determine global priorities and enforce a "science-based" code of conduct. He says this form of governance diminishes the importance of individualism. If you take a look around, he is totally correct.

It's the technocrats that tell us we need to quarantine healthy people, we should all wear masks. They tell us we need to drive electric cars and we have to reduce the carbon footprint or we are doomed. Every facet of our lives is now affected from these unknown technocrats. Rosenthal states that scientific socialism is an imminent danger to our Republic. If fully enacted, it will suppress independent thought. It will eliminate free speech. It will publicly shame and criminalize those who dissent. Most importantly, it will turn hearts away from the worship of our Creator and lead us into a humanistic and godless tyranny.

Look around, it's happening!

As always...that's just my opinion!

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# Oh My...If Only

Pastor Steve Wolgamott, Live Oak Baptist Church



I would not be surprised at all if at any moment, a great shout occurred, a trumpet was blown and the heavens broke open with the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ and all the saved both of those buried and those still alive would be caught up to meet him in the air. To those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ this is what is called the Rapture. Jesus is coming again no matter what some may say or what some who call themselves Christians might believe. The Bible is clear in first Thessalonians 4:13-18, that Jesus is going to come and will take us home to be with him.

You may ask what gives me the confidence that this is going to occur. I believe the Bible is true in every part. That the Bible was given to godly men who faithfully recorded those things that God wanted us to know. The Bible, God's word, gives us indication of what may be going on when Jesus comes again. Check out these Bible verses: *"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholly, without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despised others of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."* 2 Timothy 3:4.

Did you see anything in those verses that might give you a picture of today? When we see the foolishness of the so-called peaceful protesters who are destroying millions of dollars of personal property with no remuneration, we can say that The End is coming soon. The paid protesters who are out destroying everything they can hit are no more than privileged children who were never disciplined and never denied anything. They think they can go out and act anyway they want, and no one has the right to stop them. These are nothing but adults who have never grown up and have no conscience about right or wrong. Everything listed in the verses above apply to these people. It is not just here in the United States of America, but it is occurring all around the world. Do not you know that God in heaven weeps over what he sees his creation doing.

When I see young ladies carrying signs that say, "I am going to hell and proud of it!" My heart breaks because of the truth of that statement. They will spend eternity in hell if they do not repent and receive Jesus Christ as personal Savior.

You may think that I have it in for the people who are doing these things. I do not. Rather, I grieve over their eventual end, separated from God for eternity. Also, I grieve over the elected leaders who out of fear and ignorance condone and support the kind of actions that must be evident before Jesus comes again. My prayer is that the Holy Spirit will so convict the hearts of these young men and women, and the elected leaders and lead them to a saving knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I would love to have our country and the countries around the world go back to a standard of peace, appreciation and blessing, but I know this will not occur. We are in a post-Christian era that is bound only to get worse. But this does not mean that we should not pray for peace, and pray for God's blessing on our country and most importantly pray for souls to be saved and lives changed.

Remember, Jesus is coming again, and we need to be ready. Christians must be found faithful and the lost need to come to Christ.

# Primary Election, Upcoming Mailers and Information

Vicki P. Cannon  
Nassau County Supervisor  
of Elections



As the August 18th Primary and November 3rd General Elections near, I want you to know that your Elections Team has been hard at work planning and preparing to provide you with safe, secure and convenient methods to vote. I will be preparing press releases as often as needed to provide updates and factual information to Nassau County citizens to ensure a safe, transparent, and smooth voting experience for all voters.

**AUGUST 18<sup>th</sup> PRIMARY ELECTION:**

- BALLOT STYLES:** In a primary election, your ballot style is based on your residential address and your party affiliation. Every voter will receive a ballot with the same races except for the Republican ballot style which will have one additional race: Rep. in Congress, District 4.

- REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 4 RACE:** In order to vote in this race, a voter must be registered as Republican. The deadline to change party affiliation for this election was July 20, 2020. The Republican candidate who receives a majority of the votes will face a Democratic and write-in candidate in the general election.

- UNIVERSAL PRIMARY CONTESTS:** There are seven (7) races that are Universal Primary Contests on the ballot. This means that candidates with the same party affiliation qualified for the seat and, because there were no other candidates to face in the General Election, all registered voters in Nassau County are eligible to vote in these races. The candidate with the highest number of votes in the primary election will be elected to the seat.

- DISTRICT RACES:** In Nassau County, the County Commission, School Board and Ocean, Highway and Port Authority are at large districts. This means that all registered voters in the county are eligible to vote in all district races. Provided your address is correct in your voter record, you are eligible to vote for any contest on your ballot. You will never be issued a ballot with a race for which you are not eligible to vote.

- NONPARTISAN RACES (COUNTY JUDGE AND SCHOOL BOARD):** The following nonpartisan races are on the ballot:

County Judge: There are four candidates in this race. If one candidate

does not receive a majority of the votes (50% plus 1 vote) in the primary election, the two candidates with the highest number of votes will be on the ballot in the General Election.

School Board: There are only two candidates in the race. Therefore, the race will be decided in the primary and will not be on the general election ballot. The candidate with a

majority of the votes will win.

- POLLING PLACE CHANGES:** There have been eight (8) polling place changes for the upcoming elections. A new Voter Information Card is being mailed to every registered voter with the name and address of the voter's current polling place.

- VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS:** Florida law does not allow ballots for domestic voters to be mailed any earlier than 40 days prior to an election. Vote by Mail ballots for voters who had a request on file were mailed on July 9th and will be mailed daily to voters who request them. The last day to request a vote by mail ballot be mailed is August 8, 2020 at 5 p.m.

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- No later than July 28th, every registered voter will be mailed their Sample Ballot for the August 18th Primary Election

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## CANDIDATE RALLY

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A Voter Guide will be mailed to every household in Nassau County to provide: all Nassau County citizens with an opportunity to register to vote and/or update their voter record, information on COVID-19 preparations, polling place changes, and other important election information.

**FACTS ABOUT VOTE BY MAIL LAWS IN FLORIDA:**

There has been confusion about the difference between a full mail ballot election (allowed in some states) where every registered voter is mailed a ballot versus voting by mail in Florida where a voter has to request their ballot be mailed. Florida is a state that has three methods to vote: by mail, early voting or on Election Day. I am confident that vote by mail laws in Florida provide a controlled and verifiable method to ensure voter fraud does not occur, for some of the following reasons:

Florida law does not allow mailing ballots to every registered voter except for referendum elections for local government elections and a plan must be submitted and approved by the Secretary of State to conduct the full mail ballot election.

In Florida, a voter (or immediate family member) can request vote by mail ballots through two General Election cycles and the ballot must be delivered to

an address in the voter's record or the voter has to provide a signed request to mail to another address.

Ballots cannot be forwarded and are returned to our office if the address is not current. Therefore, ballots do not end up in the hands of other people. When an undeliverable ballot is received, contact information in the voter's record is used to notify the voter and a letter is promptly mailed (which is forwardable).

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If there is a voter error (no signature or signature difference), the voter has 2 days after the election to deliver an affidavit (with proper identification) to cure their error.

Voting by mail in Florida is safe and secure. Unlike mail ballot elections where every registered voter is mailed a ballot and may not expect it, in Florida a voter has to request the ballot, so they expect the ballot to be delivered to them. It's similar to ordering a product online, you order it and you expect it to be delivered, you can track it, and check on it if it is not received timely—the same applies to the vote by mail ballot a voter requested—you expect it and you control it!

Many citizens have contacted our office about mailings, emails and calls they have received which have caused concerns and confusion. If you receive an unofficial mailing, I would recommend you use it as a reminder to visit our official website or call our office directly and then promptly dispose of the unofficial mailer. For unofficial calls and emails, I would recommend that you not provide your personal information but that you contact our office directly for assistance. We are here to assist you and provide you with factual information and efficient, transparent and accurate elections!

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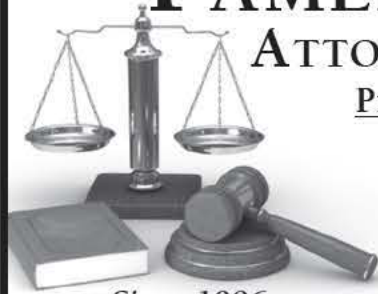
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## Mask Mandate

Dear Editor,  
I felt the need to write this. I read The Westside Journal last week, as I always do, and I read the article about the mandate concerning wearing a mask that was read at the Hilliard meeting by Bo Hodges. I don't need someone to tell me what I need to do. In this case it has been proven that wearing a mask doesn't help protect anyone. I am also sick and tired of having garbage shoved down my throat. This matter should have been voted on by the citizens of Nassau County. I am for the betterment and well-being of our County, but this mandate was too much.

I did my research and I know now that wearing a mask can damage the person wearing it especially if the person wearing it has health problems. Even a healthy person can't wear a mask for long periods of time. I am only one person and may not make a difference but I will do my best to cast my votes for those people that want to make a difference and not cause a problem.

I also think that the County Attorney and the County Manager should NOT be appointed and also NO ONE in Nassau County Government should make \$400,000 a year. Most of that money should go to Nassau County Fire Rescue and our Sheriff's office. I truly hope this is not just my opinion.

God Bless America,  
Jasper Miller

## Thank You!

Dear Editor,  
Just want to drop you a line to tell you that you are outstanding American Citizens. I am so happy that you post your weekly issues online. My husband I and moved to Pennsylvania about two years ago, so I love reading the Westside Journal and love reading about a community I will always cherish. I loved the Westside Journal when I was at Callahan Middle School and you so graciously published press releases about school news. I will always be grateful to you.

My husband, Bill, and I love Roger's Just My Opinion column every week. I have been

# Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor may be emailed to [news@westsidejournal.net](mailto:news@westsidejournal.net) but must include a complete name. Letters should be no longer than 300 words.

sharing Roger's Just My Opinion with our PA State Senator. Hopefully, he will be the next Governor of PA. The Senator and his staff are impressed with you and your paper. PA State Senator Doug Mastriano has been on the Tucker Carlson Show describing the battles in Harrisburg between the Governor, the State Assembly and the Courts in Harrisburg. Senator Doug Mastriano hosts a fireside chat every night on his Facebook page and has a big following. Try to check out his Facebook page. He is a retired Army Colonel with over 30 years with combat service in Iraq and Afghanistan. He is a true patriot and he is the voice of freedom in PA. Hope you have a chance to check out his Facebook page and to watch his latest videos about the attack on our liberties. Here is the link: <https://www.facebook.com/SenatorDougMastriano/>. I think you and Roger will enjoy Senator Mastriano and his videos and fireside chats as well as the comments from PA patriots.

Finally, I want to thank you for what you do. The Westside Journal is a blessing to the community. You also do a great job providing voters with information about candidates and local government. Most communities do not have a great free paper like the Westside Journal. You are amazing and brilliant. God Bless you.

Respectfully,  
Ellen Ryan

## Thank you!

Dear Editor,  
I would like to thank the person who found a hearing aid at the Callahan Winn Dixie Thursday, July 23. We are so appreciative of the person who did this. Of course, we have been thanking Jesus for guiding your feet to customer service. We can't thank you enough! May God bless you!

Billy Weathington

## Vote Smart

Dear Editor,  
Hope each and every one of you read the Westside Journal from last Thursday's publication, 23 July.

You need to read the whole paper. Even Nassau County's Clerk to the Court & Clerk to the VAB, is none other than, John Crawford (this county position is a local political seat, yes that we vote for). Don't you think that ALL counties in the USA are questioning tax relief charges on things we are not able to use? Such as school closures, why pay taxes? If county administrators are laying off people, (school board, county commissioners, health departments, etc.), cutting back hours and benefits... Why PAY THE SAME OR MORE TAXES?

I have always heard, "Be active in local politics." It starts at the local level. We must be diligent in our homework for electing LOCAL political seats. Prime example of our local politicians: ALL 5 county commissioners (yes 2 slow pokes caved in at the end of the vote) voted to mandate the use of masks! This is a MANDATE, not a request. Look at this... there is one guy who is a county commissioner that is running for "Supervisor of Elections," yes, he voted for "MASKS." What would he do when it comes down to, Mail in Ballots? Weak kneed!

Look at our local candidates: 1. Are they professional politicians? 2. Why did they wait so late in life to run? 3. Are they riding family coattails for recognition? 4. Did they change political parties for a better popular vote (notice a lot of political signs have NO political party mentioned)? 5. Accountability for the

political position and your accountability when you vote.

This is my last point, when you read the section in the WJ of the Hodges young man, 19 years old, addressed the Hilliard Council members and full chamber with his words about true Liberty and Freedom... WAKE UP! He's 19 years old, not afraid of what he believes in.

Remember, this evil group is on its way to completely closing ALL churches in this FREE USA! Thank you GOD, that you have given us a gift, the "Westside Journal!" When we look at who to vote for this and all elections do your homework and ask questions.

Almost all of you have computers or I-phones... use them! Think before you vote! Remember, these campaigns cost a lot to run for they know these positions, even locally, pay good! And the local guys have lobbyists too!

Concerned Conservative,  
J. Corbin

## Wear a Mask

Dear Editor,  
Your views on the COVID virus, wearing a mask, and rights to your life as if it could not affect someone else's life, I think would surely change if you experience the loss of a close loved one to the virus. My mother's obituary will appear this week, but she will not be counted as a COVID death number as many others have not. I'll share that truth next week.

In the meantime amidst this horrible pandemic and destruction of this great country, I'll be the lady wearing a mask in our mom and pop store, Wal-mart, etc. to respect and honor all lives and shaming those who are not wearing a mask.

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# MEET THE CANDIDATES

Next week in the August 6 edition of the Westside Journal we will publish our 'Meet the Candidates' issue. This will include all of our local candidates that will be running for office in the upcoming Primary Election to be held August 18, 2020. Each candidate that participated will be listed with a photo and a little of their background and views. Early voting will begin Monday, August 3.

## NOTICE of Polling Place Changes for Primary Election

Eight polling locations in Nassau County have changed for the 2020 Primary and General Elections. New Voter Information Cards were mailed to every registered voter in Nassau County in July. Make sure to check your card to see if your voting location has changed. If you did not receive your new card or if corrections are needed, please contact the Supervisor of Elections office to update your voter record or visit [www.VoteNassau.com](http://www.VoteNassau.com).

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT that all voters immediately review their new Voter Information Card to make sure their name, address and party affiliation is correct in order to receive the correct ballot style and, if voting in person on Election Day, to know where their polling place is located. For directions to your polling place, or to view your sample ballot, visit [www.VoteNassau.com](http://www.VoteNassau.com) and click My Voter Information or call our office for assistance.

On ELECTION DAY, August 18, 2020, voters MUST vote at their assigned precinct and polling place. FS 101.045 "A person is not permitted to vote in any election precinct or district other than the one in which the person has his or her legal residence and in which the person is registered."

## EARLY VOTING Locations and Status

2020 Primary Election

Early Voting Begins: Monday, August 3, 2020

Early Voting Ends: Sunday, August 16, 2020

Voting times: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. each day

During early voting, registered voters may vote at any polling location. Early Voting locations in West Nassau County are: Callahan Library, 450077 SR 200; and the Hilliard Community Center, 37177 Pecan Street, Hilliard.

Election Day: Tuesday, August 18, 2020

For more information call the Supervisor of Elections office at: 904-491-7500 or Toll Free 1-866-260-4301; or email: [info@votennassau.com](mailto:info@votennassau.com).

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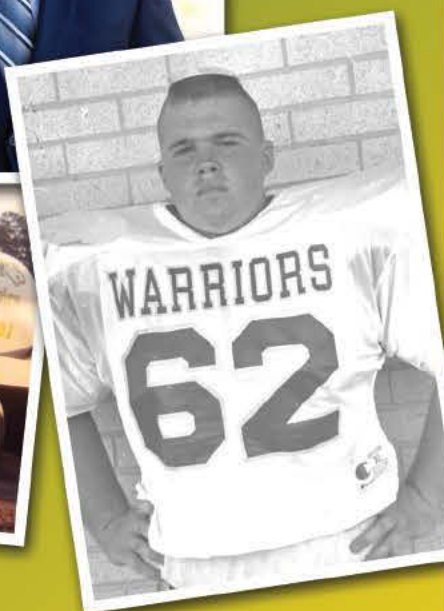
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## New Beginnings and Milestones

### Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harper Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Roy and Shirley Harper, of Bryceville, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday July 26, 2020. They were married on Sunday, July 26, 1970 at Forest Hills Baptist Church in Jacksonville. They met at the USO in Jacksonville when Shirley was a Hostess and Roy was in the US Navy stationed at Cecil Field. Roy grew up in Oroville, Washington. They moved to Bryceville in 1982 where Roy built their house. Roy retired from Jaxport in 2010 after 38 years of dedicated service. Their church family is First Baptist Callahan. The couple enjoys spending time with

their family and traveling around the United States and visiting Washington when possible.

They have two children, Glenn (Julie) Harper of Callahan and Erin (George) Simon of Bryceville. They also have four grandchildren Blake and Seth Harper, and Brendan and Jarrett Hagan. Congratulations!



## Monds to Retire After 36 Years

Dawn S. West

This story is special to me, as Ellen Froitzheim Monds is a special friend and a classmate of mine! It's hard to believe that she and I talked about her retirement, which is long overdue. Ellen is one of the most dedicated people I know. No matter what she is doing; working, raising children, riding horses, etc., she puts her whole heart into it!

This Friday, July 31, Ellen will officially retire from the US Postal Service as a Mail Carrier after 36 plus years of service. I know her many customers will be sad to see this day come. The carrier taking over has some real big shoes to follow. Ellen started with the Callahan Post Office in 1984 working as a substitute for 11 years. "At that time, subs were only guaranteed one day during the week, so I did work other part time jobs during that time," said Ellen. "The last four years of those years (11) I worked both fulltime as a carrier and also as a sub for my mom, which was also a mail carrier."

There have been so many changes with her job during all those years. She remembers early in her career she would be home sometimes by 1 p.m. That doesn't happen now. When Ellen's mother retired, Ellen took over her route, Route 4 (the Dornbush and Church Road area). The route is huge and encompasses over 700 stops. "I can't complain. This has been a great job



with the pay, benefits and retirement. I'm just tired," continued Ellen. "We don't have as much mail due to internet but we have triple more packages. This job is very demanding and tough on your body. I'm ready to enjoy life for a while."

Ellen plans to spend some time with her 12-year-old granddaughter who has a barrel horse. They plan to attend an event in October. Ellen has always been a huge fan of horses and loves riding. She's excited about the opportunity to get back out there and have some fun! "I will miss my customers. Many have been so good to me...during the hot days bringing out a cold Gatorade, during the cold some hot chocolate," said Ellen. "I've seen many as children, now adults and have children of their own. I can't believe it's my time now and I'm looking forward to it."

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**Tuesday, July 21**

Dwayne Ray Rabeth, 39, 151064 CR 108, Hilliard: Criminal Mischief less than \$200

**Thursday, July 23**

Michael Lee Seib, 50, 3729 Finch Drive, Hilliard: Violation of Probation Battery

## NCSO Seeking Statewide Re-Accreditation

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office (NCSO) is undergoing an assessment by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation to attain state-level accreditation. An accreditation assessment examines all aspects of the NCSO, including looking at policies and procedures, management, operations and support services. The agency has to comply with approximately 240 standards in order to receive re-accreditation status. Many of the standards are critical to life, health and safety issues. "Accreditation by CFA is vital to maintaining the public trust and assuring our many stakeholders that we are abiding by the highest standards set for professional law enforcement agencies," said Sheriff Bill Leeper. "We are proud of our CFA accreditation and look forward to re-certification."

As part of the assessment, NCSO employees and the general public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. A copy of the accreditation standards is available through the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation's website at [www.flaccreditation.org](http://www.flaccreditation.org).

Individuals can submit comments at this website, send a letter to the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, PO Box 1489, Tallahassee, FL 32302, or email to [info@flaccreditation.org](mailto:info@flaccreditation.org).

A team of Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation assessors will conduct an assessment of the NCSO in August. The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation's assessment team will consist of team leader Mr. Oscar Kieffer, Palmetto Police Department and team members Captain Lee Ann Holroyd, Monroe County Sheriff's Office and Sergeant Michelle Hernandez, St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office.

Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to receive accredited status. The NCSO accreditation is for 3 years. Verification by the team that the NCSO meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain or maintain accreditation--a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.



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**DALE E. BOATWRIGHT, JR.**



Dale E. Boatwright, Jr., 68, of Jacksonville, passed away on July 22, 2020. He was born August 22, 1951 to Dale Boatwright, Sr. and Ida Frances Rehwinkle.

He had a sister Shirley Boatwright-Hopper; and two younger brothers John and Kenny Boatwright. He married the love of his life, Linda Morell, on March 6, 1970. Together, they had one child Lisa Boatwright (Mullis), and two grandchildren Myles and Cameron Mullis. Dale and his wife spent many happy and exciting years together. Dale's personality and generosity towards people was visible at all times and he was willing to help anyone regardless of the situation. Dale had a sincere passion for animals and could always be found with his wife in a barn tending to their beautiful horses, cattle, and dogs. Many of his animals went on to win awards and place highly in many competitions. Dale was truly loved by all and will be missed.

Dale will be laid to rest in a private ceremony.

The family would like to personally thank everyone for their cards, prayers, and well wishes. It is very much appreciated in these times. Keep the family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

**DAVID CLARK CURRENT**



David "Bud" Clark Current, 81, of Callahan, passed away on July 26, 2020. Bud was born on July 29, 1938 in Glenwood, Missouri to Ray Current and Edna Baugher Current. Bud has been a resident of Nassau County since 1977. Bud served in the United States Navy for 20 years. During his service he served two tours in the Vietnam War.

Bud was a member of the Fleet Reserve, American Legion, VFW and Vietnam Vets. He is preceded in death by his parents; and wife M. Carol Stogdill Current.

# OBITUARIES

Bud was a member of the Fleet Reserve, American Legion, VFW and Vietnam Vets. He is preceded in death by his parents; and wife M. Carol Stogdill Current.

Bud is survived by his daughter Anna "Shelly" Michelle Current of Callahan; sons David Douglas Current of Boulogne and Richard Current of Callahan; grandchildren Chanci Current, Dwayne Current, Shawnee (Juan) Ramirez and David Current; and five great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Thursday, July 30 from 5-7 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held Friday, July 31 at 10 a.m. at Jones Cemetery.

Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

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**MAX ANDREW GREGORY, JR.**



Max Andrew Gregory, Jr., 68, of Callahan, passed away July 22, 2020. Andy was born on October 7, 1951 in Jacksonville. He was a graduate of Paxon High School, and joined the United States Air Force where he proudly served. He married Loretta Dyal Gregory on August 6, 1971. Andy worked in logistics for Fred Jones Manufacturing, Southeastern Freight, and AAA Cooper. He was a member and also served as a deacon at Dinsmore Baptist Church. His hobbies and passions in life included hunting, softball, and gardening. Andy was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend.

Andy is survived by his loving and faithful wife Loretta Gregory; three sons Scott Gregory, Joshua (Alanna) Gregory and

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She is survived by her children Laverne Broward Rowe, Jr., Wanda Rene' Rowe Lane and Doris Jane Rowe (Gary) Crews; grandchildren Christy Lane Schuman, Jason Lane, Adam Lane, Matthew Lane, Patrick Lane, Amanda Crews Pine, Daniel Crews and Amber Rowe; 23 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a sister Judy Barber Merritt and many nieces and nephews.

A graveside funeral service was held Thursday, July 23 in Conner Green Cemetery.

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Caleb (Jennifer) Gregory; grandchildren Blaine Gregory, Paige Gregory, Aubree Gregory, Cason Gregory, Cohen Gregory, and Taryn Wilson; and siblings Lee (Starr) Gregory and Diane (Jack) Fields.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 28 at Dinsmore Baptist Church, 10500 Old Kings Road, Jacksonville. The family received friends prior to the service.

Please sign the online guestbook at [hgriversidefuneralhome.com](http://hgriversidefuneralhome.com)

Hardage-Giddens Riverside Memorial Park & Funeral Home, Jacksonville, is serving the family.

**HELEN MARIE KNIGHT**



Helen Marie Knight, on July 20, 2020, a precious lady known to us as Mom, Nanny and Ms. Helen went home to be with her Lord. She is now rejoicing with her dear husband and many other family members and friends. She was blessed to have lived a long life of 93 years. She was born on September 9, 1926 in Lake City, Florida to Cecelia and Loy T. Carver. She graduated from Andrew Jackson High School in 1945. Later she married the love of her life, Charles in 1947; and celebrated 61 years of marriage before the Lord called him home in 2008. She loved the Lord and all of her "Church Families", (being a Pastor's wife she had more than one). Dinsmore Baptist Church was her home church and she has been a faithful member there for several years. She retired from Gulf Life Insurance Company and the Methodist Medical Center.

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date pass by without acknowledgement. She was such a giving person. Everyone would agree that her memory, even at the age of 93 was amazing! It is with sad hearts due to the circumstances of the coronavirus, the family has elected to exercise caution and celebrate her "Beautiful Life" with a graveside service.

Her graveside service was held Wednesday, July 29 at Jacksonville Memory Gardens with Pastor Winson Butler and Pastor Joey Rountree, officiating.

Corey-Kerlin Funeral Home assisted the family.

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**NULFAY BARBER ROWE**



Nulfay Dejuan Barber Rowe, 89, of Jacksonville, passed away July 20, 2020 in Jacksonville. She was born May 10, 1931 in Waycross, Georgia to the late Lenox Carl Barber, Sr. and Mamie Alberta Hickox Barber. She was a homemaker and a lifelong resident of Nassau County but had resided at St. Catherine's Laboure' Manor since September 2017.

Along with her parents; she was preceded in death by her husband Laverne Broward Rowe, Sr.; her siblings Jean Barber Woolard, Jackie Barber, Johnny Barber, Maxie Barber and Junior Barber; and a son Peter Jackson Rowe.

She is survived by her children Laverne Broward Rowe, Jr., Wanda Rene' Rowe Lane and Doris Jane Rowe (Gary) Crews; grandchildren Christy Lane Schuman, Jason Lane, Adam Lane, Matthew Lane, Patrick Lane, Amanda Crews Pine, Daniel Crews and Amber Rowe; 23 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a sister Judy Barber Merritt and many nieces and nephews.

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# Florida Master Gardener Volunteers Help Youth Grow Up Florida-Friendly

Florida students can now learn the nine principles of Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ (FFL)—guidelines that help yards thrive and protect Florida’s waterways, from a new illustrated book, thanks to UF/IFAS Florida Master Gardener Volunteers.

The book, “Growing Up Florida-Friendly,” was written and illustrated by two Florida Master Gardener Volunteers and designed for grade-school children. “There are not a lot of resources for children that speak to this topic on a friendly, easy to apply level,” said Kim Pepitone Cottrell, Florida Master Gardener Volunteer, and the book’s author. “Evelyn, the book’s illustrator, took my idea and brought it to life. Readers will follow Flory, an orange blossom, on a journey with Russell and Harriet through the nine FFL principles.”

Flory, Russell and Harriet represent a fun and innovative way to share the nine principles with children. The main characters take children on a journey through Florida-Friendly Landscaping™

and emphasize the importance of learning early to keep Florida’s water clean and protect natural resources. “From the get-go, it is important for kids to understand the connection to science when they talk about plants and gardening,” said Cottrell. “We want to teach children from the beginning that they can make a positive impact on our environment, even when gardening in their own backyards.”

Readers are asked to become an “FFL kid,” which provides goals along the way. The overall mission is to let kids know that they can play a role in saving our waterfront. “All roads lead to the aquifer, and we have to protect our natural resources,” Cottrell said. “Taking responsibility beginning forms good habits that children



**Kim Pepitone Cottrell**, author of *Growing Up Florida-Friendly*.



**Evelyn Lavaughn Davis**, the book’s illustrator.

will carry into the future. Everything you do can have a positive or negative impact on our environment. This book helps kids see the positive outcomes they can have.”

Bill Lester, who holds a doctorate in plant medicine and serves as the UF/IFAS Extension Hernando County horticulture agent and Master Gardener Volunteer Program leader, encourages volunteers to identify unique ways to reach residents in the county, especially youth. “We are always looking for a diverse, strong representation of the community within our Master Gardener Volunteers, where they can bring different talents and abilities to the program,” Lester said. “When they bring unique ideas like this to me, I support them to run with it and ask them how I can help. This book is great because it is a unique project for Master Gardener Volunteers to take on,

not something we have done before. It will help educate children, adults and our local residents.”

While many UF/IFAS Extension agents educate youth around the state on FFL principles, this is the first tool of its kind created exclusively for students. “I loved creating the graphics,” said Evelyn Lavaughn Davis, the book’s illustrator and Master Gardener Volunteer. “I am a substitute teacher and see the need for more Florida living education in our schools that can help children and their parents understand best practices. I want children to understand the impact humans have on what makes Florida a beautiful state to live in,” continued Davis. “I hope outdoor experiences will inspire them to be good stewards of the land.”

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Potential Candidates can apply for one (1) of the following positions:

- 3 SEATS ON THE TOWN COUNCIL

The three (3) qualified candidates that receive the highest number of votes in the General Election on November 10, 2020, shall be elected to serve a four-year term.

Qualifying for the Town of Callahan Town Council will begin on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 8:00 AM and will conclude on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

Any person desiring his or her name to be printed on the Official Ballot as a candidate for any of the above offices shall file with the office of the Town Clerk according to the Qualifications set by the Town of Callahan Charter which are on file in the Clerk’s Office or available online at: <https://www.townofcallahan-fl.gov/>.

Qualifying packets may be picked up at Callahan Town Hall located at 542300 US Hwy. 1, Callahan, FL 32011, during normal business hours Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

For more information please contact Town Clerk, Stephanie Knagge at (904) 879-3801 ext. 203.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. EOE

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## Additional COVID-19 Test Site in Nassau County

The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) has partnered with the Target Corporation to sponsor seven COVID-19 testing locations across the state. One of these drive-up sites will be located in the parking lot of the Yulee Target store located at 463737 SR200 in Nassau County. Testing provided through the site is free of charge and available to anyone over 18 years of age. Specimen collection at the Yulee Target site will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week beginning Saturday, July 25. The site will be operational for four weeks.

The FDEM is providing the necessary staffing and personal protective equipment for the operation. Individuals who go to the Target test site in Yulee should have photo identification with them. Upon arrival, each person to be tested will register their name and contact information and then return to their vehicle or wait in a shaded area until they are notified that their specimen collection kit is ready. The samples will be sent to certified laboratories for testing; results are expected to be available within five to seven days from the date of collection.

## Enterprise Holdings Donates to Barnabas Center

The Enterprise Holdings Foundation has donated \$12,500 to Barnabas Center to help with basic needs in the community. The Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Enterprise Holdings, which, through its integrated global network of independent regional subsidiaries and franchises, operates the Enterprise Rent-A-Car, National Car Rental and Alamo Rent A Car brands.



Tania Yount, Chief Development Officer of Barnabas Center said, "Our ongoing gratitude is extended to the Foundation for their outstanding support. Receiving such a generous contribution at just the right time is a

blessing that we don't take for granted. The need for our services has increased 300% and this donation will make a

positive difference for so many who are going through such difficult times during this pandemic."

As the major safety net organization for Nassau County residents in need, Barnabas Center is on the front line of helping residents in need during the COVID-19 crisis. Services offered to Nassau County residents with low to moderate incomes include food assistance, financial assistance and urgent medical and dental care. For more information about Barnabas' programs, please visit [www.BarnabasNassau.org](http://www.BarnabasNassau.org).

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## Camp Sorensen Already Serving Youth

Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch in Live Oak visited Camp Sorensen in Hilliard recently. The Nassau County Sheriff's Office deputies provided law enforcement demonstrations to the youth. Northeast Florida Regional Camp starts on August 2nd for one week.



Happy Campers! Two of our K9 officers visited the youth staying at Camp Sorensen! The youth enjoyed petting and interacting with the K9s. It was a great visit for both the youth and the officers!



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# Ocean Highway & Port Authority Dedicates Patrol House to Braddock



Lissa Braddock with her children and grandchildren.

The Board of Commissioners for the Ocean Highway & Port Authority, along with Worldwide Terminals Port Operator/Director Christopher Ragucci, gathered with the family of the late Port Commissioner Ronald Braddock to dedicate the Port of Fernandina's Border and Customs Patrol House in his honor. Mrs. Lissa Braddock, her children, grandchildren and extended family members, were in attendance to unveil the plaque honoring Commissioner Braddock and his 17 years of dedicated service to the Ocean Highway & Port Authority and the Citizens of Nassau County.

The Ocean Highway and Port Authority of Nassau County, is an independent special-purpose district created in 1941 by the Florida State Legislature. It was authorized to operate for the benefit of the citizens of Nassau County and the state and to

encourage economic development in Nassau County. The Port of Fernandina supports more than 55 direct jobs and hundreds of indirect jobs throughout Nassau County and contributes greatly to the local economy.



Shown (l to r) are: Chris Ragucci, Worldwide Terminals - Port Operator/Director; OHPA Board Chairman Danny Fullwood; Mrs. Lissa Braddock; and Commissioner Carrol Franklin.

**Hilliard Little League's Annual Election**  
**Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Hilliard Ball Park on Bay Rd.**  
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